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**Response and Amendment**

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The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003. Applicants submit that the following amendments are proper and should be entered because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Figure 5** are submitted as REPLACEMENT SHEETS attached herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

On page 3, please replace the 5th full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

Figure 5 shows a view of the inside of a diaper connect to an external means for pumping.

On page 5, please replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

Material caliper (thickness): The caliper of a material is a measure of thickness and is measured at 0.05 psi with a STARRET-type bulk tester or the like, in units of millimeters.

Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract (page 17) with the following amended paragraph.

~~The present invention relates to an~~ An absorbent article ~~comprising that includes~~ a topsheet, a backsheet, and a ~~valving means valve, the valving means comprising that~~ includes at least one one-way valve and a connection ~~means~~ which permits the connection of a pump ~~pumping means, wherein the is described.~~ The pump may be external and the ~~valving means~~ valve allows air to be distributed into one or more regions of the article. ~~The valving means of the article allows air to be discharged into the article in a region, for example~~ between a wearer's skin and the product article.